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LAGOS PASS TO AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MCHENRY

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA DAY MEETING AT UN HEADQUARTERS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR LEONARD PLANS REPRESENT US AT NAMIBIA DAY CEREMONY AT UN ON AUGUST 26 (REFTEL A). OTHERS OF WESTERN FIVE EXPECT TO BE THERE AT CHIEF OF MISSION LEVEL (AMB. OR CHARGE). FIVE FEEL THAT NO JOINT ACTION BY FIVE AT CEREMONY IS NEEDED OR APPROPRIATE. USUN PLANS SEEK ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING US CONTRIBUTION TO INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA (REFTEL B). END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL A, UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WILL HOLD SOLEMN MEETING IN COMMEMORATION OF NAMIBIA DAY ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26. AMBASSADOR LEONARD PLANS ATTEND FOR US. OTHER MEMBERS OF WESTERN FIVE WILL ALSO SEND AMBS. (EXCEPT UKUN, WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED BY CHARGE).
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IN ADDITION, MRS. ANDREW YOUNG IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY. WITH LARGE NUMBER OF AFRICAN AND OTHER PERM REPS, INCLUDING ZAMBIAN PERM REP KONIE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, IN LAGOS, THERE MAY BE MANY CHARGES IN THE GATHERING.

3. ACCORDING TO A COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA DRAFT PAPER

(SEE PARA FIVE), APPROVED ON AUGUST 22, SPEAKERS AT MEETING WILL BE: THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SWAPO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AFRICAN GROUP, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, AND THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN ADDITION, PAPER STATES THAT "MESSAGES FROM HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENTS WILL BE READ DURING THE MEETING. OTHER MESSAGES OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA WILL BE WELCOMED AND ACKNOWLEDGED." WE WILL SEEK INCLUSION OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING US CONTRIBUTION TO INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA (REFTEL B). THE EC-9 MESSAGE THIS YEAR WILL BE FROM BELGIAN FONMIN TO SYG WALDHEIM.

4. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP BELIEVES THAT NO PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY PRESENTING A WESTERN FIVE STATEMENT OR LETTER ON NAMIBIA DAY. NONE OF OTHER WESTERN FIVE GOVERNMENTS INTENDS TO SEND MESSAGE INDIVIDUALLY TO WALDHEIM OR COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ON THIS OCCASION. HOWEVER, THREE OF THE WESTERN FIVE WILL BE REPRESENTED THROUGH EC-9 STATEMENT, AND, IN ADDITION, ALL FIVE THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

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5. UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA DRAFT PAPER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

UNITED NATIONS
COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA
STANDING COMMITTEE III 22 AUGUST 1977

COMMEMORATION OF NAMIBIA DAY - 26 AUGUST 1977

IN AUGUST 1973, THE COUNCIL DECLARED THAT 26 AUGUST WAS TO BE OBSERVED ANNUALLY AS NAMIBIA DAY FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY, AS A REMINDER OF THE CRITICAL TIME IN AUGUST 1966 WHEN THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SWAPO, WERE FORCED TO BEGIN THEIR ARMED RESISTANCE AGAINST THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY BY SOUTH AFRICA. IN DECEMBER 1973, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFIRMED THE COUNCIL'S DECISION IN ITS RESOLUTION 3111 (XXVIII).

MOREOVER, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3295 (XXIX) REQUESTED ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO COMMEMORATE AND PUBLICIZE NAMIBIA DAY ON 26 AUGUST, AND TO ISSUE SPECIAL

POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE OCCASION.

THIS YEAR AS IN THE PAST, THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A SPECIAL
COMMEMORATIVE MEETING AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
IN THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO MARK THE FIFTH
OBSERVANCE OF NAMIBIA DAY.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MEMBER STATES WILL BE INVITED
TO ATTEND THE MEETING, ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
NAMIBIANS, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

NAMIBIA DAY WILL ALSO BE OBSERVED THIS YEAR IN LAGOS,
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NIGERIA DURING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AGAINST
APARTHEID SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT
AND THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID,
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OAU.

STATEMENTS AT THE COMMEMORATIVE MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS WILL
BE MADE BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, THE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO
COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN
OF THE COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF
SWAPO AND BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AFRICAN GROUP OF COUNTRIES
AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

MESSAGES FROM HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND OTHER
HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENTS WILL BE READ DURING
THE MEETING. OTHER MESSAGES OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE
OF NAMIBIA WILL BE WELCOMED AND ACKNOWLEDGED.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING, TWO FILMS ON NAMIBIA
WILL BE SCREENED - "IF THEY FIND ME, I WON'T CRY"
AND "THE WHITE LAAGER".

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